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60 Steps To Prelims

20 DAILY MCQs
2020
FOR PRELIMS 2021

Daily 20 Questions: Static Subjects 10-12 Questions + Current Affairs 4-6 Questions + UPSC Previous Years 4 Questions; Special Test Every Sunday; 1 Full Length Test

Step/Date	Subject	Topics Covered		Source		
		Polity	Geography	Polity	Geography	Drishtiias Website
Step 1 19 April, 2021	Polity + Geography + Current Affairs (Jan-Feb 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Historical Background / Making of the Constitution ✓ Salient Features of the Constitution ✓ Union and its Territory ✓ Citizenship ✓ Preamble of the Constitution ✓ Political Theories 	World Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Major Natural Regions ✓ Mapping (World) 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Democratic Politics Part-1 (Class 9th) ✓ Democratic Politics Part-2 (Class 10th) ✓ Political Theory (Class 11th) 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 6th, Class 7th, Class 8th, Class 9th, Class 10th ✓ Class 11th – Indian Physical and Environmental Geography 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To The Point: Polity ✓ To The Point: Geography ✓ Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs
Step 2 20 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fundamental Rights ✓ Directive Principles of State Policy ✓ Fundamental Duties ✓ Amendment of the Constitution ✓ Basic Structure of the Constitution 	Indian Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Physical Features ✓ River Systems ✓ Mapping (World) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Indian Constitution at Work (Class 11th) 	Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 11th – Fundamentals of Physical Geography ✓ Class 12th – Geography India – Part – I Part – II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Learning Through Maps
Step 3 21 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parliamentary System ✓ Federal System ✓ Centre–State Relations ✓ Inter-State Relations ✓ Emergency Provisions 	Indian Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Climate ✓ Mapping (India) 	Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Indian Polity by Laxmikanth ✓ Indian Constitution by Subhash Kashyap 	Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Certificate Physical and Human Geography by G.C Leong ✓ The Orient Black Swan School Atlas 	
Step 4 22 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ President and Governor ✓ Vice-President ✓ Prime Minister/Chief Minister ✓ Central/ State Council of Ministers ✓ Cabinet Committees 	Indian Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Agriculture ✓ Natural Vegetation and Fauna ✓ Mapping (India) 			
Step 5 23 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Parliament ✓ State Legislature ✓ Parliamentary Committees 	Indian Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Minerals ✓ Infrastructure ✓ Human Geography ✓ Mapping (India) 			
Step 6 24 April, 2021	Magazine Based Quiz (Yojana + Kurukshetra + Science Reporter + Down to Earth) May-September 2020					
Step 7 25 April, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 1					

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		Polity	International Relations	Polity	International Relations	Drishtiias Website
Step 8 26 April, 2021	Polity + International Relations + Current Affairs (Mar-Apr 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Supreme Court ✓ High Court ✓ Subordinate Courts ✓ Judicial Review ✓ Judicial Activism ✓ Public Interest Litigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India and its Neighbourhood 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Democratic Politics Part-1 (Class 9th) ✓ Democratic Politics Part-2 (Class 10th) ✓ Political Theory (Class 11th) ✓ Indian Constitution at Work (Class 11th) Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Indian Polity by Laxmikanth ✓ Indian Constitution by Subhash Kashyap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Drishti Daily Current Affairs ✓ Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha Discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Important Institutions ✓ To The Point: Polity ✓ Learning Through Maps ✓ Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs
Step 9 27 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Union Territories ✓ Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) ✓ Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) ✓ Special Provisions for SC/ST and OBC ✓ Scheduled and Tribal Areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ International Institutions 			
Step 10 28 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Constitutional Bodies ✓ Non-Constitutional Bodies ✓ Other Constitutional Dimensions ✓ Political Dynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Global Issues 			
Step 11 29 April, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Acts and Judgments ✓ International Conventions & Protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reports and Indices, International and Bilateral Agreements 			
Step 12 30 April, 2021		Full Polity and International Relations Revision				
Step 13 1 May, 2021	India Year Book, Economic Survey Vol-I (2019-20)					
Step 14 2 May, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 2					

Step/Date	Subject	Topics Covered		Source			
		History	Art & Culture	History	Art & Culture	Drishtiias Website	
Step 15 3 May 2021	History (Ancient + Medieval + Modern) + Art & Culture + Current Affairs (May-Jun 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prehistoric Period ✓ Harappan and Indus Valley Civilization. ✓ Vedic Age ✓ Mahajanapadas ✓ Pre-Mauryan Age 	Architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Indus Valley Civilization ✓ Mauryan Architecture ✓ Sungas 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 'Ancient India' by RS Sharma ✓ 'Medieval India' by Satish Chandra 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Themes in Indian History – Part 1 and Part 2 ✓ Class 11th Fine Arts – An Introduction to Indian Art (Part 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To The Point: Art & Culture ✓ To The Point: History ✓ Lok Sabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs 	
Step 16 4 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mauryan Age & Post Mauryan Age, Sangam Age. ✓ Central Asian Invasions ✓ Gupta Age ✓ Age of Harsha 	Architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kushans ✓ Satavahanas ✓ Guptas ✓ Southern and Western India 				Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CCRT Website ✓ 'Indian Art & Culture' by Nitin Singhanian
Step 17 5 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ South Indian Kingdoms (Cholas, Pandyas & Pallavas) ✓ Palas, Pratiharas ✓ Rashtrakutas & Chola Empire (800 – 1200 A.D) 	Religion and Philosophy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Jainism, Buddhism & Sikhism ✓ Different Schools of Thoughts 				
Step 18 6 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Delhi Sultanate ✓ Mughals and Afghans ✓ Deccan Sultanate ✓ Vijaynagar Empire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cultural Development of Medieval Period like Bhakti, Sufi, Vaishnavite etc 				
Step 19 7 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Administration and Economic Policies (1757-1857) ✓ Rising Resentment and the Revolt of 1857 ✓ Administrative Changes After 1857 ✓ Social & Cultural Awakening in the First Half of the 19th Century 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Handicrafts ✓ Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage Sites 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 'Modern India' by Bipin Chandra ✓ Class 12th – 'Themes in Indian History' – Part 3 	Reference Bookss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's Struggle for Independence by Bipin Chandra ✓ Spectrum 'Brief History of Modern India' by Rajiv Ahir 		
Step 20 8 May 2021	India Year Book, Economic Survey Vol-II (2019-20)						
Step 21 9 May 2021	Weekly Revision Test 3						

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		Modern History	Science & Tech.	Modern History	Science & Tech.	Drishtiias Website
Step 22 10 May 2021	Modern History + Science & Tech. + Current Affairs (July-Aug 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Early Nationalism (1857-1906) ✓ Extremist Phase (1905-1919) 	Recent Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Defence Technology ✓ Space Technology 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 'Modern India' by Bipin Chandra ✓ Class 12th – 'Themes in Indian History' – Part 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Basic Science Concepts from TMH or NCERT 8th, 9th & 10th ✓ Drishti Current Affairs Today Magazine Supplement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To The Point: History Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs
Step 23 11 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Phase of Mass Struggle (1919-1942) ✓ Events from 1942 till India's Independence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Superconductivity ✓ Artificial Intelligence 			
Step 24 12 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reforms, Acts and Committees, Congress Sessions, Governor Generals and Viceroy ✓ Tribal and Peasant Uprisings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Life Processes ✓ Classification of Living Organisms ✓ Genetic Engineering ✓ Biotechnology 	Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India's Struggle for Independence by Bipan Chandra ✓ Spectrum 'Brief History of Modern India' by Rajiv Ahir 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Down To Earth Magazine + Current Developments (The Hindu + Indian Express Newspapers) 	
Step 25 13 May 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Development of Modern Education and Press ✓ Eminent Personalities of National Movement ✓ Role of Women in Freedom Struggle ✓ Post Independence India ✓ Consolidation of States, Linguistic States 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Chemistry in Everyday Life ✓ Agricultural and Food Chemistry ✓ Bio-medicinal Chemistry 			
Step 26 14 May 2021		Complete History, Art & Culture and Science & Technology Revision				
Step 27 15 May 2021	Magazine Based Quiz (Yojana + Kurukshetra + Science Reporter + Down to Earth) October 2020 – March 2021					
Step 28 16 May, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 4					

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		Environment & Ecology	Geography	Environment & Ecology	Geography	Drishtiias Website
Step 29 17 May, 2021	Environment & Ecology + Geography + Current Affairs (Sep-Oct 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Concepts: Ecology and Ecosystem ✓ Functions of an Ecosystem, Natural Resource Conservation. ✓ Territorial and Aquatic Ecosystem 	Physical Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Climatology 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 12th Biology – Relevant Chapters – 11th to 16th ✓ Class 11th Chemistry (Part II) – Chapter – 14th ✓ ICSE Board Environment Book – Class 9th, 10th Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Textbook of Environmental Studies UGC by Erach Bharucha ✓ Down To Earth ✓ Any Standard Dictionary of Ecology 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 11th – Fundamentals of Physical Geography Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Certificate Physical and Human Geography by G.C Leong – Part I 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Loksabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs ✓ Learning Through Maps
Step 30 18 May, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environmental Pollution ✓ Ecological Succession ✓ Renewable Energy 	Physical Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Geomorphology 			
Step 31 19 May, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ India & World Biodiversity ✓ Threat to Biodiversity ✓ Protected Area Network 	Physical Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Oceanography 			
Step 32 20 May, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ List of Scheduled Animals ✓ Conservation Efforts ✓ Sustainable Development 	Physical Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Biogeography 			
Step 33 21 May, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Climate Change ✓ Impact of Climate Change ✓ Mitigation Strategies ✓ India and Climate Change ✓ Climate Change Organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mapping (India and World) 			
Step 34 22 May, 2021	Budget 2020-21, Economic Survey Vol - I (2020-21)					
Step 35 23 May, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 5					

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		Environment & Ecology	Science & Technology	Environment & Ecology	Science & Technology	Drishtiias Website
Step 36 24 May, 2021	Environment & Ecology + Science & Technology + Current Affairs (Nov-Dec 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Agricultural Crops and its Classification ✓ Cropping System. ✓ Sustainable Indian Agriculture ✓ Integrated Farming System ✓ Soil Science 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Communication ✓ Computer and Information Technology 	NCERT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Class 12th Biology – Relevant Chapters – 11th to 16th ✓ Chemistry (Part II) – Chapter – 14th ✓ ICSE Board Environment Book – Class 9th, 10th Reference Books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Textbook of Environmental Studies UGC by Erach Bharucha ✓ Down to Earth ✓ Any Standard Dictionary of Ecology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Basic Science Concepts from TMH or NCERT 8th, 9th & 10th ✓ Drishti Current Affairs Today Magazine (Supplement) ✓ Down To Earth Magazine + Current Developments (The Hindu + Indian Express Newspapers) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Loksabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs ✓ Learning Through Maps
Step 37 25 May, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Acts and Policies ✓ Institutions and Measures ✓ Environmental Organisations ✓ International Environmental Conventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Atomic and Nuclear Physics ✓ Physics in Everyday Life 			
Step 38 26 May, 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Environment Issues and Health Effect ✓ Ramsar Wetland Sites ✓ Tiger Reserve/Elephant Reserve in India ✓ Biosphere Reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Applied Science ✓ Latest Technology with Current Developments 			
Step 39 27 May, 2021		Environment & Ecology Revision				
Step 40 28 May, 2021		Science & Technology + Geography Revision				
Step 41 29 May, 2021	India Year Book, Economic Survey Vol-II (2020-21)					
Step 42 30 May, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 6					

Step/Date	Subject	Topics Covered		Source		
		Economics	Art & Culture	Economics	Art & Culture	Drishtiias Website
Step 43 31 May, 2021	Economics + Art & Culture + Current Affairs (Jan-Feb 2021)	Basic Economic Concepts ✓ Inflation ✓ Idea of National Income, GDP/GVA	Indian Music ✓ Classical Music (Hindustani Music, Carnatic Music) ✓ Folk Music Tradition	NCERT ✓ Class 11 th – Economics (Indian Economic Development) ✓ Class 12 th – Introduction to Macroeconomics (Full) & Microeconomics (only relevant topics)	NCERT ✓ Themes in Indian History – Part 1 and Part 2 ✓ Class 11 th Fine Arts – An Introduction to Indian Art (Part 1)	✓ Loksabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Daily Current Affairs ✓ Learning Through Maps ✓ To The Point: History
Step 44 1 June, 2021		Macro Economic Concepts ✓ Evolution of Money ✓ RBI's Monetary Policy	Indian Dance ✓ Classical Dance Forms ✓ Folk Dances	Reference Books ✓ Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh ✓ 'Indian Economy Key Concepts' by Shankar Ganesh	Reference Books ✓ CCRT Website ✓ 'Indian Art & Culture' by Nitin Singhania	
Step 45 2 June, 2021		Indian Economy Related Concepts ✓ Evolution of Indian Economy ✓ Planning in India ✓ Economic Reforms	Sculpture ✓ Indian Sculpture and Different Schools of Art			
Step 46 3 June, 2021		Financial Institutions ✓ Banking in India ✓ Security Market ✓ Insurance	✓ Puppetry: Various Forms (String, Rod, Glove)	✓ 'Indian Economy Key Concepts' by Shankar Ganesh		
Step 47 4 June, 2021		External Sector ✓ Balance of Payment and Related Concepts ✓ Currency Related Concepts ✓ International Bodies and Agreements	✓ Indian Paintings	✓ The Penguin Dictionary of Economics ✓ Government Website, PIB		
Step 48 5 June, 2021	Full Magazines Revision (Yojana + Kurukshetra + Science Reporter + Down to Earth)					
Step 49 6 June, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 7					

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		Economics	Current Affairs Revision	Economics	Current Affairs Revision	Drishtiias Website
Step 50 7 June, 2021	Economics + International Relations + Current Affairs (Mar-April 2021)	Sectors of Economy ✓ Agriculture ✓ Industries ✓ Services	✓ Current Affairs (January – April 2020)	NCERT ✓ Class 11 th – Economics (Indian Economic Development)	✓ Drishti Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation ✓ Drishti Daily Current Affairs	✓ Loksabha and Rajyasabha Discussion ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation
Step 51 8 June, 2021		Public Finance ✓ Fiscal Policy ✓ Taxation ✓ Budget	✓ Current Affairs (May – August 2020)	✓ Class 12 th – Introduction to Macroeconomics (Full & Microeconomics (Only Relevant Topics)	✓ Loksabha and Rajyasabha Discussion	✓ Daily Current Affairs ✓ Learning Through Maps
Step 52 9 June, 2021		Social Infrastructure and Miscellaneous ✓ Education ✓ Health	✓ Current Affairs (September – December 2020)	Reference Books ✓ Indian Economy by Ramesh Singh		
Step 53 10 June, 2021		✓ Welfare Schemes ✓ Important Indices and Reports	✓ Current Affairs (January – February 2021)	✓ 'Indian Economy Key Concepts' by Shankar Ganesh		
Step 54 11 June, 2021		✓ Revision Full Economy		✓ The Penguin Dictionary of Economics ✓ Government Website, PIB		
Step 55 12 June, 2021	Revision (Budget 2021-22, Economic Survey 2020-21)					
Step 56 13 June, 2021	Weekly Revision Test 8					

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Step 57 14 June, 2021	Current Affairs (May- June 2021)	Polity complete syllabus	Prepare All The Sources Mentioned Above
Step 58 15 June, 2021		Geography and Environment complete syllabus	
Step 59 16 June, 2021		Science & Tech. and International Relations complete syllabus	
Step 60 17 June, 2021		History and Economics complete syllabus	
Final Step 18 June, 2021	'Full length Test' GS Paper-I		

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- ✓ Loksabha and Rajyasabha Discussion
- ✓ Monthly Current Affairs Consolidation
- ✓ Daily Current Affairs
- ✓ Learning Through Maps



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